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SUBJECT: WMO XXX-EC: QUESTIONS CONCERNING UN COUNCIL  
FOR NAMIBIA

REF: GENEVA TEL 8374.

1. CHAIRMAN OF PREP COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERA-  
TION OF EC, DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN GENERAL SUMMARY  
WHICH REFERS TO THE WMO EIGHTH CONGRESS THE MATTER OF  
MEMBERSHIP IN WMO OF UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA.

2. TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"11.3.5. EC-XXIX CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING  
EFFECT WITHIN WMO OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/149  
(1976) WHICH REQUESTS ALL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO GRANT  
FULL MEMBERSHIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA.  
IN THE DISCUSSIONS IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT NAMIBIA MIGHT BE  
ADMITTED AS A MEMBER UNDER ARTICLE 3 (F) OF THE WMO CON-  
VENTION WHICH REFERS TO A 'TRUST TERRITORY'. THE COMMITTEE  
HAD REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO DISCUSS WITH THE  
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SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THE PROCEDURE WHICH  
COULD BEST BE FOLLOWED IN THIS MATTER. THE ABOVE REQUEST  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN REITERATED IN ITS RESOLU-  
TION 32/9 (1977).

"11.3.6. IN RESPONSE TO THE WMO SECRETARY-GENERAL'S  
INQUIRY, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS CLARIFIED THAT NAMIBIA DOES

NOT HAVE THE STATUS OF A TRUST TERRITORY. IT IS CONSIDERED AS A TERRITORY ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED NATIONS UNTIL INDEPENDENCE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. THE GRANTING OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WOULD THEREFORE SEEM TO REQUIRE AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3 (F) OF THE WMO CONVENTION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIA.

"11.3.7. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REFER THE MATTER TO EIGHTH CONGRESS AND WITH THIS IN MIND ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTION 11/2 (EC-XXX) - AMENDMENT TO THE WMO CONVENTION."

3. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, WORKING GROUP HAD EXPRESSED NO OPINIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF MATTER OF AMENDING CONVENTION IN ORDER TO GRANT MEMBERSHIP TO UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA.

4. AT INITIATIVE OF CANADA, MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF US, UK, FRANCE, FRG AND CANADA WAS HELD MORNING JUNE 2, TO COORDINATE POSITIONS IN CONNECTION THIS ISSUE. GROUP TENTATIVELY AGREED, SUBJECT TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS' APPROVAL, TO REQUEST THAT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH BE ADDED TO TEXT PROPOSED IN PARA 2: "SOME MEMBERS QUESTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF THIS PROCEDURE BECAUSE SUCH A PROBLEM IS OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF EC AS DEFINED IN ART. 14 OF CONVENTION AND BECAUSE SUCH AN ACTION COULD PREJUDICE THE DELICATE AND IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON IN OTHER MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELEVANT FORA."

5. GROUP AGREED THAT IT ADVISABLE FOR US TO UNDERPLAY ITS ROLE IN THIS MATTER IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF DR. ROBERT WHITE FOR WMO SECRETARY GENERALSHIP IF INCUMBENT (DR. D.A. DAVIES) ANNOUNCES DURING CURRENT EC THAT HE INTENDS TO STEP DOWN. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT OF WMO AFRICAN REGION, DR. C.A. ABAYOMI, MADE IMPASSIONATE PLEA IN SUPPORT OF NAMIBIAN MEMBERSHIP. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, GROUP TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT EITHER CANADIAN OR FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE WOULD PROPOSE ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH QUOTED PARA 4.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS ON PROPOSED PARAGRAPH OR ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE IT COULD PROVIDE BEFORE THIS MATTER COMES UP BEFORE EC, POSSIBLY MIDDLE NEXT WEEK. VANDEN HEUVEL

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